

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 20 August 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-II			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)	X		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.			X
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	X		
Gary J. Gaube	X		
Maria R. Gil	X		
Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		
Robert Hamel, RN			X
Denise Panichas			X
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	X		
Reverend David Shire (Secretary)	X		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Dowling, Gaube, Graziano, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Wayland Square Surgicare Acquisition, LP** [ASC Acquisition, LLC] for a Certificate of Need to relocate Wayland Square Surgicare, a Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Center, from 17 Seekonk Street in Providence to 1405 South County Trail in East Greenwich.

Staff noted that the applicant is proposing a change to the location of where the new facility would be located. Ms. Rocha, legal counsel to the applicant, clarified that the applicant is

considering an alternate location for the facility across the street from what was originally submitted in the application (changing from 1405 South County Trail to 1434-1454 South County Trail). The location across the street would include a greater amount of parking spaces.

Ms. Rocha discussed the proposal and noted that outpatient facilities are reimbursed 40% less compared to hospitals. Ms. Rocha noted that there have been no comments received from hospitals.

The applicant reviewed the proposed new charity care policy that would be rolled out across all of the company's facilities. The Chair requested that the applicant provide an organization chart and clarify the reasons for the low Medicare volume. Staff requested that the applicant provide the new charity care initiative in writing. Ms. Gil requested that the applicant identify the nearest bus route at the new proposed location.

The Committee discussed the issue of the proposed new location across the street. The Committee was in favor of permitting the applicant to change the proposed location. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of five in favor, none opposed and two recusals (5-0-2) to recommend approval for the change in location. Those members voting in favor included: Gaube, Gil, Graziano, Quigley, Shire. Those members recusing were: Almeida, Dowling.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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